WHEREAS, there are over 50,000 Exceptional Children in the State of South Dakota, and;

WHEREAS, the public should be made fully aware of the special needs of the Exceptional Child, and;

WHEREAS, thrusts of the federal government are strongly directed toward the needs of the Exceptional Child, and;

WHEREAS, the great majority of Exceptional Children can with the proper assistance become self-supporting constructive citizens, and;

WHEREAS, the human needs of Exceptional Children to belong, to be accepted, and to feel a sense of self-worth and dignity, are due and necessary for every citizen according to the Constitutions of South Dakota and the United States, and;

WHEREAS, Exceptional Children can in fact contribute to the growth of our society and the awareness of our citizens:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October as

EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN MONTH

in South Dakota and urge all South Dakota educators and all county and local officials associated with Exceptional Children to make every effort to assist in the successful integration of Exceptional Children into school and society.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 11th day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-two.

Richard F. Kneip

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alma Larson

ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE